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# STATEMENT

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## MONARTO DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION.

Creation of the new city of Monarto advanced a stage further today with the establishment of the Monarto Development Commission, the key body in setting up the city, the Premier, Mr Dunstan, announced. Executive Council brought the necessary legislation into force and appointed the three members of the Commission.

They are:

Mr Ray Taylor, Chairman, who is returning from his post of South Australia's Agent General in London to take up this new job.

Mr Newell Platten; prominent Adelaide architect now Chief Architect with the S.A. Housing Trust.

Mr John H. Mant, Commonwealth Government representative and a senior officer of the Department of Urban and Regional Development.

(Brief biographies attached)

At the same time, the Premier, announced the appointment of the eight senior officials who will be responsible for the administration of special facets of the City's design, construction and development.

They are:

### Director, Town Planning Division -

A.W.J. HUTCHINGS, M.R.A.P.I., A.M.A.I.C., Diploma in Town Planning (SAIT); presently Principal Planning Officer, South Australian State Planning Office, Adelaide.

### Director, Architectural Division -

H. DEN-OUDEM, Diploma in Architecture (The Hague, Netherlands); presently Senior Architect, National Capital Development Commission, Canberra.

### Director, Engineering Division -

I.J. LEES, B.Sc. (Civil Engineering), F.S.A.I.T., M.I.C.E., M.I.E. (Aust.), A.F.A.I.M.; presently Management Services Engineer, South Australian Highways Department, Adelaide.

Director, Sociological and Community Relations Division -

A.V. SURMON, B.A. (Sociology - Anthropology, Social Geography), M.A. (Social Geography), M.A. (Applied Planning); presently senior Sociologist, Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works, Melbourne.

Director, Land, Development and Environment Division -

J.R. FORMBY, B.Ec., Dip. Management Studies (U.K.); presently Chief Environmental Analyst, Sydney Area Transportation Study, Sydney.

Director, Industries, Commercial Development and Transport -

B.J. GREAR, B. Technology, University of Adelaide, Diploma Business Administration, S.A. Institute of Technology; presently Administrative Services Manager, S.A. Institute of Technology.

Director, Management Services Division -

J.S. ABRAHAM, A.A.S.A., M.R.I.A.; presently Auditor, Auditor-General's Department, Adelaide.

Director, Promotions and Public Relations Division -

I.F. DRYSDALE, F.A.I.; presently Marketing and Public Relations Consultant, Adelaide.

They will be responsible to the Commission's General Manager, Mr Tony Richardson.

Mr Dunstan said the Commission would continue the initial planning work of the Steering Committee for Monarto.

"Planning of the uniquely Australian city that will be Monarto is now reaching a most exciting stage", Mr Dunstan said. "The basic ground work has been done".

"Detailed computer studies are being undertaken by consultants P.G. PakPoy and Associates and the designers of Monarto, Boris Kazanski and Associates will arrive shortly to prepare the first concept plans."

"This will be followed by close public involvement and debate on the proposals to ensure that Monarto becomes both a beautiful city and a people's city".

MR TAYLOR, aged 46 married with four children, appointed Agent General January 1971. Former South Australian Manager of Ampol Limited.

MR PLATTEN, F.R.A.I.A., 45, married with three children. Appointed Chief Architect, S.A. Housing Trust, October 1973, formerly member of the Adelaide firm Dickson and Platten Pty. Ltd. Council member of the Royal Australian Institute of Architects.

MR MANT, aged 37, Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws (LL.B) Sydney University. Partner in firm of Sydney solicitors 1964-1970. Chief Adviser, Staff of Minister of Urban and Regional Development 1970-1973. Assistant Secretary, Department of Urban and Regional Development 1974.